

## THIS FIRM PLANS UNIQUE EXHIBITS

Mayberry & Hoover Will  
Present Some Pleasant  
Surprises.

### DECORATED TABLE TO BE DISPLAYED

Beautiful Flowers and Foliage  
Helped Out by Rich  
Tableware.

Mayberry & Hoover, who have one of the biggest flower stores in the up-town section of the city, at 1322 Fourteenth street northwest, are planning a beautiful and unique display, for the exhibition of the Florists' Club. Like most of the other local flower men, however, they are not disclosing the details of their plans, and will not tell what decorations they will use until the time comes to put them in place. While Mr. Mayberry wouldn't say so, it is evident that he does not wish to make the firm's design known for fear there may be another exhibit like it.

As Mayberry & Hoover cater to an extensive wedding and reception trade, one of their exhibits will be a decorative palm bank. This will contain nothing but green, but the shades will run almost from a pea green to the rich dark green of some of the tropical palms. Mr. Mayberry expects to work in a great variety of plants, all of which he is now nursing into luxuriance, in the palm conservatory just back of the store on Fourteenth street. The plants to be used will run all the way from a tall tropical palm, to the most perishable small ferns of the temperate zone. This exhibit will be placed in the main hall at Masonic Temple.

#### Charter Member of Club.

Mr. Mayberry, with his partner, L. E. Hoover, has been in the florists' business in Washington, that is as a proprietor, for seven years. He is a charter member of the Florists' Club, and has always taken a great interest in this organization which has done so much for the advancement of the florist individually, and for the promotion of the trade. He attended the first meeting of the Florists in Washington, which was called for the purpose of taking some action relative to the proposed personal tax law. It was out of this impromptu meeting, that the present organization grew.

The main exhibit of the firm of Mayberry & Hoover will be in the banquet rooms. This exhibit will represent a table, decorated by the firm, for a fashionable dinner. Mr. Mayberry said yesterday he had not yet decided what flowers or what shades would be used in this table, but he promised that it would be gorgeous. The silverware, china, and candelabra are being loaned by a local caterer, and Mr. Mayberry says the color scheme largely depends upon the shade of candles which the caterer will furnish.

#### Table for Informal Dinner.

The table will represent a table set for a small informal or family dinner. Just how many covers it will have Mr. Mayberry does not yet know, but it will not run over a dozen. The flowers will probably be of the usual decorative varieties, and will be of a shading of either pink or pale yellow. There will be an abundant and judicious use of greens, since it has come to be recognized that beauty of flower and color depends upon foliage. This table will bear the firm name and that of the caterer who assisted.

E. C. Mayberry, senior member of the firm, is a native of Pennsylvania. He was born in Plainfield, September 3, 1863, and spent the first twenty years of his life on his father's farm. He was educated in the Plainfield public schools and his love for flowers seemed to be inherent. When a boy he used to cultivate and plant for his own benefit, and when he wished to expand and get off of the

## LEADING MEMBERS OF FLORISTS' CLUB



- No. 1—W. F. Gude, Treasurer, Committee on Finance.
- No. 2—Z. D. Blackstone, Reception Committee.
- No. 3—F. H. Kramer, President.
- No. 4—John Robertson, Committee on Awards.
- No. 5—George C. Shaffer, Secretary.
- No. 6—Elmer Mayberry, Entertainment Committee.
- No. 7—George Cook, Show Committee.

### WHITEFISH FEWER IN CANADA WATER

Dominion Commission Makes  
Dubious Report as to the  
Status of Industry.

The Canadian fish commission has issued a somewhat dubious report in regard to the fishing industry on the Great Lakes, particularly in regard to the rapid and alarming decline of the supply of whitefish.

The commission declares that supervision is inadequate, and that unless drastic measures are immediately taken this fish, it will become well nigh extinct in a very few years. The quantity of whitefish taken in different years in Georgia bay and North channel is given in detail, showing a decrease from 2,348,000 pounds in 1875, to 1,253,450 in 1906, or nearly 50 per cent.

The catch of salmon in the rivers of the Western coast is increasing, however, the amount of the pack for the present season being \$33,000 cases, a gain of 24,000 cases over 1907. The number of salmon reaching the spawning beds this year is triple that of any other year.

#### ONLY A FOUL.

An Englishman, witnessing his first baseball game, was struck by a hot one off the bat. On coming to, he asked faintly, "What was it?"

"A foul," they told him, "only a foul."

"My word!" he exclaimed, "I thought it was a mule!"—Argonaut.

#### BOBBY'S REASONING.

Bobby—"Pa, what is an apostrophe?"

Pa—"An apostrophe is the sign of the possessive case, my son."

Bobby—"Is that why this man that's writing one to the ocean, talks like he owns it?"—Puck.

#### THE FINAL TEST.

Hermann—"Do you believe that the pen is mightier than the sword?"

Otto—"Well, you never saw anybody sign a check with a sword, did you?"—Chicago News.

## H STREET PIONEER IS Z. D. BLACKSTONE

St. Mary's County Man Be-  
lieves in Educating Pub-  
lic Up to Flowers.

Z. D. Blackstone, whose flower shop at Fourteenth and H streets northwest offers a pretty picture throughout the year, has the distinction of having established the pioneer business house in that section of the city.

When Mr. Blackstone opened his flower store ten years ago, his was practically the only business house in that immediate vicinity. The neighborhood was an exclusive residential section, and no evidence was given at that time that the business of the city would move from the section in which it had been maintained so many years, toward the northwest—a trend it took several years ago, and which has led dozens of firms to give up their old quarters farther downtown and move toward the northwest.

Mr. Blackstone is a native of St. Mary's county, Md., and it was after his graduation from Charlotte Hall Military Academy that he came to Washington. Like many other boys, under the circumstances, he supported himself as best he could for a year, and then entered the employment of a local florist, where he remained seven years.

#### Goes In for Self.

During this time he learned the business thoroughly, and decided to branch out for himself. He opened a shop in Fourteenth street, and for two years he remained there, finally moving to the northwest corner of Fourteenth and H streets, where his attractive shop has been a beauty spot since.

Although Mr. Blackstone does not make a specialty of any one plant or flowers, he has devoted his energies to another cause. In the past few years, through a systematic series of "special sales" of flowers on Saturdays, he has endeavored to educate the public generally—not the wealthy people of Washington, but those in ordinary circumstances—to the advantage and pleasure of keeping a few flowers in the home. Mr. Blackstone maintains that nearly every one is able to spend 25 cents a week for flowers for the home, and in order to make it possible, he long ago instituted special sales when clusters of flowers were sold at 10 and 25 cents.

He says yesterday that, whereas, in the beginning he sent out probably a dozen of these boxes each week, he is now sending more than a hundred. There is no profit in it for him, Mr. Blackstone said, but when people get accustomed to seeing a few flowers around the house they begin to appreciate their beauty and understand the pleasure they give.

#### Is Attractive Shop.

The Blackstone shop is exceedingly attractive. A small gallery running around the store is filled with tiny cedar trees, and the walls are lined alternately with mirrors and pictures of wedding bouquets which the firm has furnished for famous brides. Tall palms and ferns are distributed about the place, and large and small vases and jars are always filled with the freshest flowers of the season.

The windows are always attractive, and Mr. Blackstone takes especial pride in this part of his establishment. At Easter time, one is always sure to see the loveliest flowers of the season—violets and Easter lilies—arranged in the window in some unique manner, and at the present time, Mr. Blackstone is exhibiting some of the finest specimens of chrysanthemums ever shown in Washington.

In the growth of his business, Mr. Blackstone has seen the realization of the hopes of his youth in building up his own establishment, and making it a model of its kind.

### WILL GIVE SERIES OF TRAVELOGUES

The Rev. Dr. Donald C. MacLeod will deliver the first of a series of Oriental travelogues at the First Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday night, on the subject "Egypt, the Land of Mystery."

The lectures will be illustrated with stereopticon slides. Dr. MacLeod visited Egypt, Palestine, and the countries around the Mediterranean last winter and spring, and his lecture will consist of first hand impressions of present day life of these countries, as well as ancient history.

#### ONLY A BUNGLER.

Nell—He doesn't know anything about the little niceties of paying attention to a girl.

Belle—Why, I saw him yesterday tying your shoestring.

Nell—Yes; but he tied it in a double knot, so that it couldn't come untied again.—Illustrated Bits.

#### HARDLY WORTH GOING.

"We are having a sane campaign this year."

"I should say so."

"How do you like it for a change?"

"Oh, shucks! A man can come home from any meeting I have seen so far and find his keyhole without the least bit of trouble!"—Illinois State Journal.

#### JOYS OF A NEW HOUSE.

Spectator—Your new home doesn't look much like the architect's original design.

Victime—No, but it looks more like it than the cost looks like his original estimate.—Smart Set.

#### GOING DOWN.

"It is always interesting to watch them drop the pilot," said the girl who had traveled much.

"Yes," laughed the young man, "especially if you happen to be on an airship!"—Chicago News.

### INCOME REDUCED, WOMAN ENDS LIFE

ELKTON, Md., Nov. 7.—Mrs. Sissie Evans, one of Elkton's most highly esteemed women, and the widow of Col. Andrew Evans, for thirty years a colonel in the United States army, committed suicide by hanging herself today at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. G. Truitt, on West Main street.

Mrs. Evans, who was about fifty-five years old, was comfortably provided with means, but had been worrying considerably over the new assessment law, in which her securities were heavily taxed, thus reducing her income.

Worry over this is said to have caused her to hang herself.

#### WORTHY OF HIS HIRE.

"Just the same," said the Pittsburg man, "we pay our preachers a higher average salary than preachers get in any other town."

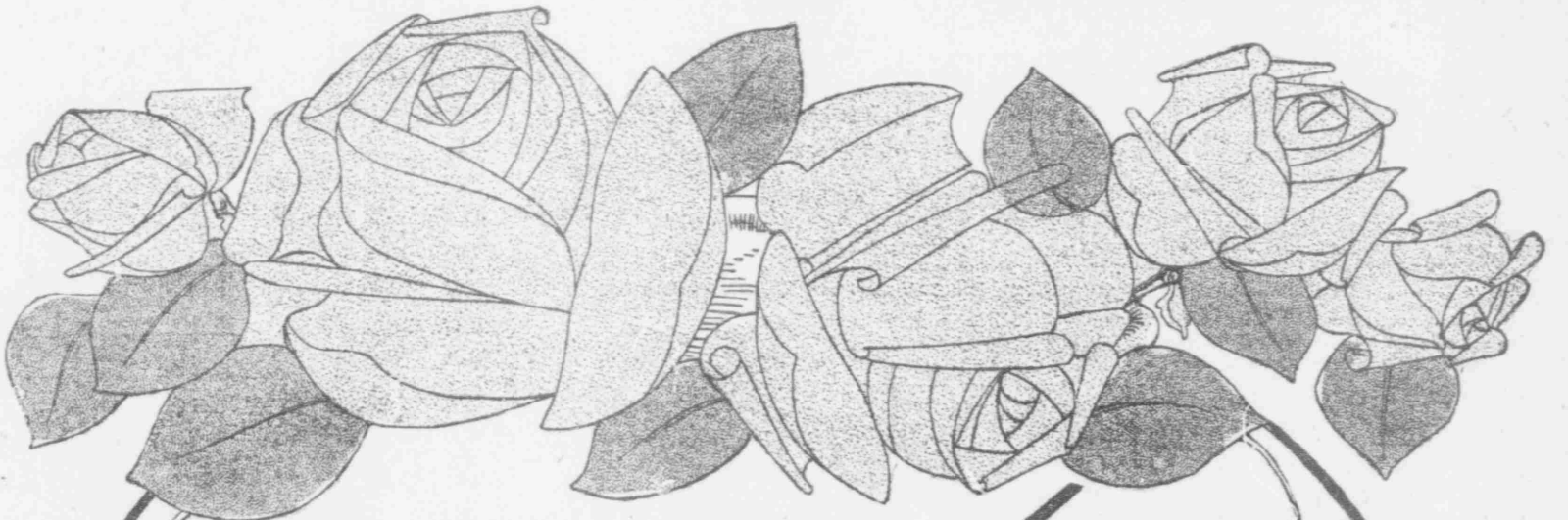
"You ought to," responded the Cincinnati man. "They have tougher material to work on than any other town has."—Chicago Tribune.

#### SHOWS WEAR.

"Put out your tongue," said the doctor.

"After the lady had done so, she asked: 'Is there anything the matter with it?'"

"No-o. Worn some, that's all."—Chicago Record-Herald.



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Appropriate Funeral Designs made to your special order.

Our prices will always be found consistently moderate. Lower than such blooms and artistic arrangement can be had elsewhere.

#### See Our Display at the Flower Show

It will give you some idea of the flowers we sell and the artistic decorations into which we conceive them. Or call at our showrooms.

2006 18th St. N. W.

### Special Floral Offering

BOX of Choice  
CUT FLOWERS \$1.00

First quality; well put up, and really worth \$2.00. Roses, Carnations, or other seasonable flowers. The sorts we are long on. We move our surplus. You get the bargains.

## VIOLETS

See these exclusive ones we are selling at 50c per bunch. Local grown. Picked fresh every morning and sold while fresh and fragrant, and only a few hours off the plants. Most violets are a day old when florist gets them.

**Blackstone**

14th and  
H Sts.